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SUBJECT: QUAI VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN COUP

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SUGGEST DEPT. MAY WISH PASS KABUL

1. EMBOFF PASSED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR WERNERT'S MESSAGE TO QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, MOREAU, WHO EXPRESSED GOF THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. QUAI WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE IT HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR MESSAGE FROM WERNERT AND HAD BEEN PREPARING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EDUCATION DELEGATION FOR VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN NEXT WEEK.

2. MOREAU THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT--AND DISQUIETING-- INFORMATION WAS WERNERT'S VIEW THAT DAOUD'S COUP WAS BASED ON THE MILITARY--PRESUMABLY YOUNG, PROGRESSIVE OFFICERS TRAINED IN USSR. MOREAU EVEN SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED THE COUP. SINCE DAOUD HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH POLICY OF "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH USSR IN PRE-1963 PERIOD, MOREAU THOUGHT COUP WOULD ADD FURTHER ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY TO THE AREA.

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